

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Opening Song: In the Stillness, God of Mercy G 760**

760 In the Stillness, God of Mercy

1. In the still - ness, God of mer - cy, Hear the  
2. In the dark - ness, God of mer - cy, In the  
3. In a - maze - ment, God of mer - cy, I have

whis - per of my prayer. Shamed and shy to  
cav - erns of my mind, I have bur - ied  
felt your warm em - brace. Free - ly giv - ing

come be - fore you, By your strength I trust and  
cost - ly treas - ure Deep, where on - ly you can  
and for - giv - ing, You have touched me with your

dare. You know all I fee - bly cling to, Walls I  
find. You, the light that casts out shad - ows, Shine on  
grace. You are East - er's ris - ing glo - ry And my

build to guard my fears. Take my weak - ness as your  
ev - 'ry hid - den part. You, whose arms stretch out in  
hope for life made new. In your im - age, free - ly

of - f'ring; Take and bless the gift of tears.  
kind - ness, O - pen wide my cau - tious heart.  
giv - ing, I sur - ren - der all to you.

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**Penitential Rite:** Missal Tones, plus verses

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

**Psalm 23:** *The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want, there is nothing I shall want.*

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**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory

**Gospel:** John 9:1-41

## Homily

**Dismissal of Catechumens:** *May the Word of God (Walker)*

## Universal Prayer

### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

***Preparation of Gifts & Altar:*** What Wondrous Love is This? **G-704**

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, O my soul!  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

***Preparation of Gifts & Altar:*** The Cloud's Veil **G-793**

Even when the rain hides the stars,  
Even though the mist swirls the hills,  
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,  
You are by my side  
Even when the sun shall fall in sleep,  
Even when at dawn the sky shall weep,  
Even in the night when  
storms shall rise,  
God is by my side  
You are by my side

Bright the stars at night  
That mirror heavensway to you.  
Bright the stars in light  
Where dwell the saints  
in love and truth.

Even when the rain hides the stars,  
Even though the mist swirls the hills,  
Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,  
God is by my side  
You are by my side

***Eucharistic Acclamations:*** Missal Tones **G-211, 212, 215**

### **COMMUNION RITE**

**Our Father**

***Lamb of God:*** Missal Tones **G-217**

***Communion Song:*** Come to Me (Joncas) **G-789**

Come to Me, come to Me  
Come when you are weary  
Come to Me, come to Me  
And I will give you rest

All who labor and are burdened  
All who labor and are burdened  
Let them come to Me, come to Me  
And I will give them rest

Come to Me, come to Me  
Come when you are weary  
Come to Me, come to Me  
And I will give you rest

Take My yoke upon your shoulders  
Take My yoke upon your shoulders  
Come and learn from Me, learn from Me  
For I am gentle of heart

Come to Me, come to Me  
Come when you are weary  
Come to Me, come to Me  
And I will give you rest

For the heart I hold is humble  
Yes, the heart I hold is humble  
And My yoke is easy, My burden light  
And you will find rest for your souls

Come to Me, come to Me  
Come when you are weary  
Come to Me, come to Me  
And I will give you rest

## **CONCLUDING RITE**

### ***Dismissal Chant:* From Ashes to the Living Font **G-529****

#### *Verse 1*

From ashes to the living font  
your Church must journey, Lord,  
Baptized in grace, in grace renewed  
By your most holy word.

#### *Verse 2*

Through fasting, prayer, and charity,  
Your voice speaks deep within,  
Returning us to ways of truth  
and turning us from sin.

#### *Verse 3 (Sunday I & II)*

From desert to the mountaintop  
in Christ our way we see,  
so, tempered by temptation's might  
we might transfigured be.

#### *Verse 3 (Sunday III)*

For thirsting hearts let waters flow  
Our fainting souls revive;  
And at the well your waters give  
Our everlasting life.

#### *Verse 3 (Sunday IV)*

We sit beside the road and plead,  
"Come, save us, David's son!"  
now with your vision heal our eyes,  
the world's true Light alone.

#### *Verse 3 (Sunday V)*

Our graves split open, bring us back,  
your promise to proclaim;  
to darkened tombs call out, "Arise!"  
and glorify your name.  
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#### *Verse 4*

From ashes to the living font

your Church must journey still,  
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy,  
in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

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